

**A M E N D M E N T S t o t h e C L A I M S**

1. (ORIGINAL) A method comprising:  
establishing a balance of funds for a player;  
determining a wager amount required for a game;  
determining whether the wager amount required is greater than a predetermined amount; and  
displaying a confirmation message if the wager amount is greater than the predetermined amount.
2. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, in which the game comprises a plurality of plays.
3. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, in which the game comprises a flat rate session.
4. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, in which the game comprises a prepaid session.
5. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, in which the wager amount required corresponds to a plurality of plays.
6. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, in which the wager amount required corresponds to a predetermined period of time.
7. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, in which the confirmation message comprises a confirmation screen.

8. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 7, in which the confirmation screen comprises at least one selectable location.

9 – 14. (CANCELLED)

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method comprising:  
receiving a request to initiate play of a game at a gaming device;  
determining whether to present confirmation information to a player; and  
if confirmation information is to be presented to the player:  
determining confirmation information to present to the player;  
presenting the confirmation information to the player;  
receiving a signal indicating that the player confirms the confirmation information;  
decrementing a credit balance associated with the player; and  
initiating play of the game,  
in which determining whether to present confirmation information to the player comprises:  
determining a cost to play the game; and  
determining whether the cost to play the game is greater than a predetermined cost, and  
in which the confirmation information includes an indication of the cost to play the game as a percentage of an available balance.

16 – 32. (CANCELLED)

33. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A computer readable medium storing instructions configured to direct a processor to perform a method comprising:

- establishing a balance of funds for a player;
- determining a wager amount required for a game;
- determining whether the wager amount required is greater than a predetermined amount; and
- displaying a confirmation message if the wager amount is greater than the predetermined amount.

34. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An apparatus comprising:

- a processor; and
- a computer readable medium in communication with the processor and storing instructions configured to direct the processor to perform a method comprising:

  - establishing a balance of funds for a player;
  - determining a wager amount required for a game;
  - determining whether the wager amount required is greater than a predetermined amount; and
  - displaying a confirmation message if the wager amount is greater than the predetermined amount.

35. (NEW) The apparatus of claim 34, in which the confirmation message includes a representation of the wager amount as a percentage of the balance of funds.

36. (NEW) The apparatus of claim 34, in which the confirmation message includes an indication of the wager amount compared to the balance of funds.

37. (NEW) The apparatus of claim 34, further comprising:  
determining a ratio of the wager amount to the balance of funds.

38. (NEW) The apparatus of claim 34, in which determining whether the wager amount required is greater than a predetermined amount comprises:  
determining an indication of the wager amount as a percentage of the balance of funds.

39. (NEW) The apparatus of claim 34, in which the predetermined amount corresponds to a predetermined ratio.

40. (NEW) The apparatus of claim 39, in which the predetermined ratio is not less than one half.

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41. (NEW) A gaming device comprising:  
a processor; and  
a computer readable medium in communication with the processor and  
storing instructions configured to direct the processor to perform a method  
comprising:  
determining a balance available for a player to wager;  
determining a wager amount required for a game;  
determining a ratio of the wager amount to the balance available; and  
displaying a confirmation message if the determined ratio is greater  
than a predetermined ratio.

42. (NEW) The gaming device of claim 41, in which the confirmation  
message includes an indication of the determined ratio.

43. (NEW) The gaming device of claim 41, in which the predetermined  
ratio is not less than one half.